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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: M. KOCHMAN, et al.

Serial Number: 09/552,586

Art Unit: 3764

Filed: April 19, 2000

Examiner: YU, J. R.

Title: Massager Providing Radiant Heat and Mechanical Manipulation

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2002. The Office Action responds to entry of applicant's amendment submitted with a request for a continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114. Presently, claims 48-52 in the application are pending. Claims 51 and 52 are withdrawn as being drawn to a nonelected invention.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 51 and 52.

REMARKS

Claims 48-50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bleeker et al. (US 6,017,320) in view of Smit et al. (4,292,971) and Cheng (US 5,336,159). The rejection is a new ground of rejection and is submitted by the Examiner in place of the previous rejection in which claims 48-50 were rejected over the Bleeker 320 patent in view of the Cheng 159 patent.

The Examiner points out that Bleeker teaches a massaging apparatus comprising rollers and a suction chamber within a housing, but lacks a heat source. Smit teaches a skin treatment appliance including a heater for applying heat to the skin before suction by a vacuum source is applied. The Examiner submits that it would be obvious to provide Bleeker's apparatus with a coiled non-radiant heater as taught by Smit "in order to enhance the treatment effect". To provide the radiant heater claimed by the present invention the Examiner further submits that it is obvious to replace the Smit heater with the radiant heater taught by Cheng. Applicants respectively traverse the Examiner's arguments.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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